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WESTHAMPTON, MASS.

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ANNUAL REPORTS.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
Westhampton, Mass.,
FOR THE
Year Ending February 1st, 1901.



EASTHAMPTON, MASS.
PRESS OF ENTERPRISE PRINTING CO.
1901.

Selectmen's Report.

TOWN OFFICERS.

F. A. Loud, Clerk	\$15 00	
“ “ Sealer	5 00	
“ “ Elector	4 00	
“ “ Registrar	6 00	
“ “ Recording births, deaths and marriages	4 20	
“ “ Paid for return of births	50—\$	34 70
A. K. Chapman, Treasurer	25 00	
“ “ Election officer	1 50—\$	26 50
A. D. Rice, Selectman	20 00	
“ “ Assessor	17 50	
“ “ Overseer of Poor	9 50	
“ “ Registrar	6 00—\$	53 00
F. C. Montague, Selectman	13 00	
“ “ Assessor	12 50	
“ “ Overseer of Poor	13 00	
“ “ Registrar	6 00—\$	44 50
Joseph Hathaway, Selectman	9 00	
“ “ Assessor	9 50	
“ “ Overseer of Poor	7 50	
“ “ Registrar	4 00—\$	30 00
H. M. Clapp, Auditor 1899 and 1900	4 00—	4 00

G. W. Graves, Constable	4 00—	4 00
Levi Burt, “	3 00—	3 00
G. E. Knight “	2 50—	2 50
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		\$202 20

TAXES.

State Tax	135 00	
County Tax	442 27	
Aaron Fisher, Collector 1900	37 46	
Abatements 1900	6 00	
Discount	124 00	
“ by Thayer fund	24 00—	768 73
Payment on Notes borrowed money	1,000 00	
“ Interest on Notes	10 75—	\$1,010 75
Vault Note and Interest	51 03—	51 03
State Aid	48 00—	48 00
Street and Wright Funds	185 00—	185 00
Street Lamps	24 00—	24 00
Perambulating Town Lines	12 00—	12 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Enterprise Printing Co., Reports,	
Voters' Lists, etc.,	32 55
Oliver Walker, Insurance	4 50
Westhampton Water Co.,	5 00
H. A. Parsons, Chimneys and Oil	2 54
A. T. Edwards, Wire Fence	7 00
C. T. Bagnall, Assessors' Field Books	1 75
Emily Parsons, Clark Scholarship	80
P. B. Murphy, Dog License Blanks	1 50
Allen Brothers, Town Seal	25 00

Watson Wicks, Mowing Cemetery	6 00	
A. D. Rice, Tax Book	1 35	
G. E. Knight, Care Hall	7 25	
“ “ Repairs on Hall	75	
“ “ Librarian	25 00	
“ “ Driving Hearse	4 00	
H. A. Parsons, Kerosene Oil and Nails	1 15	
E. B. Clapp, Dog Fund for Library	75 49	
Westhampton Water Co.	10 00	
District Court	2 00	
E. B. Clapp, Thayer Fund for Parish	24 00	
A. K. Chapman, Postage	2 40	
F. A. Loud, Express	4 00	
“ “ Stationery	2 00—\$	246 03

RECAPITULATION.

Highways	\$769 39	
Support of Poor	743 79	
Town Officers	202 20	
Taxes	768 73	
Notes and Interest	1,061 78	
State Aid	48 00	
Street and Wright funds	185 00	
Street Lamps	24 00	
Perambulating Town Lines	12 00	
Miscellaneous	246 03	
Total Selectmen's orders		\$4,060 92
School Committee's orders		2,422 02
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Total expenditures		\$6,482 94
Balance Feb. 1, 1900	861 53	
Assessment	3,659 05	

From Treasurers' Book

3,653 95

\$8,174 53

Balance Feb. 1, 1901

\$1,691 59

JOSEPH HATHAWAY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
F. C. MONTAGUE,	
A. D. RICE,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Westhampton.</i>

Feb. 1, 1901.

I have this day examined the Selectmen's accounts and find that they have drawn orders to the amount of four thousand sixty and ninety-two one-hundredths dollars (\$4,060.92) and have vouchers for the same.

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor.*

List of Jurors.

Henry A. Parsons
J. Holland Kingsley
Edward H. Montague

Eugene J. Hathaway
Mahlon K. Parsons
Charles H. Bartlett
Lyman W. Clapp

Assessors' Report.

Real Estate Valuation	\$179,019 00	
Personal Estate Valuation	35,798 00	
Total Valuation		\$214,817 00
Tax Rate \$16 00		
Real Estate Tax	2,864 31	
Personal Estate Tax	572 74	
Polls	222 00	
Total Tax		\$3,659 05
Tax Levy		
State Tax	135 00	
County Tax	442 27	
Highways	1,000 00	
Support of Poor	400 00	
Town Officers	250 00	
Schools	1,100 00	
Discount on Taxes	125 00	
Contingent Fund	200 00	
Overlayings	6 78—	\$3,659 05

JOSEPH HATHAWAY	}	Assessors of Westhampton.
F. C. MONTAGUE		
A. D. RICE		

Highway Superintendent's Report.

Dr.

A. J. Griffin	83 94
E. B. Clapp	2 25
H. W. Montague	7 67
J. Hathaway	13 25
G. L. Hathaway	12 00
C. W. Connors	21 45
T. P. Elwell & Son	41 46
A. E. Damon	1 75
H. L. Dodge	21 75
A. Fisher	27 80
F. E. Holdridge	25 10
Almon Benson	35 00
Geo. A. Witherell, Plank and Labor	32 12
A. T. Edwards “ “	76 71
H. C. Williams, Timber and Labor	6 79
C. Williams	9 00
George Benson	8 00
W. H. Lyman	3 86
I. O. Shaw, Timber and Labor	46 49
E. J. Hathaway	6 00
W. W. Kingsley	62 07
W. H. Graves	10 00

George Graves	6 46	
F. C. Montague	13 46	
C. G. Loud	2 00	
Orville Flint	1 50	
Peter Bouche	7 50	
T. Collier	3 00	
J. Whelan	2 67	
C. N. Loud		
D. S. Bridgman	100 00	
Two Stringers 45 ft. long for Loud's bridge	33 00	
M. & B. Chestnut Lumber, 4589 at \$15 M	68 83	
M. & B. Hemlock " 2093 " "	25 11—\$	817 99
S. D. Lyman		26 40
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		\$844 39

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Mar. 6. Cash on hand	\$75 00	
Sept. 1. Cash received	400 00	
" " "	102 94	
Dec. 15 " "	200 00	
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	\$777 94	
Feb. 1, Cash Received	66 45—\$	844 39

D. S. BRIDGMAN, *Highway Surveyor*

REPORT

of the

Overseers of the Poor.

William Lawler at Northampton			
Hospital	169 46—	169 46	
Isadore Howard at Worcester Hospital	169 46—	169 46	
Margaret Duggan at Northampton Alms-			
house	143 62—	143 62	
Frank Hayden and family by J. Hathaway	67 76		
“ “ “ by W. Baker & Son	5 90		
“ “ “ by Dr. McCormack	55 00		
“ “ “ by F. C. Montague	5 00		
“ “ “ by Wm. Curtis	5 00		
“ “ “ by H. A. Parsons	3 48—\$	142 14	
Hugh Cassidy at Northampton Hospital	38 07		
“ “ “ “ Almshouse	30 80		
“ “ Medical Attendance Dr. Bruce	2 50		
“ “ “ “ Dr. Cobb	2 50		
“ “ “ “ Dr. Fay	5 00		
“ “ J. Holley, Hack	5 50—\$	84 37	
Ellen Beaudry, for burial	8 00—	8 00	
C. Hathaway's boy, board, J. Steidler	6 00—	6 00	

J. Boucher, State Pauper	3 99—	3 99
Watson Wicks' family, F. C. Bruce's bill	16 00—	16 00
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Total for support of Poor		\$743 04
Tramps		75

JOSEPH HATHAWAY,	}	<i>Overseers of the Poor.</i>
F. C. MONTAGUE,		
A. D. RICE,		

Town Clerk's Report.

FOR THE YEAR 1900.

BIRTHS.

- 1 Jan. 1. Albert Lyman Snow.✓
- 2 Jan. 2. George Henry Payson.✓
- 3 Apr. 17. Alvina Analda Challet.✓
- 4 May 31. Rodney Franklin Howard.✓
- 5 June 25. Henry Pomeroy Bridgman.✓
- 6 July 12. Frances Priscilla Loud.✓

Births recorded in recent years.

'90	'91	'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99
12	12	15	15	12	7	9	16	9	9

MARRIAGES.

- / Sept. 17. Merritt H. Miles of Westhampton,
Annie Betts of Westhampton.

Marriages recorded in recent years.

'90	'91	'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99
4	3	4	5	5	2	4	4	4	5

DEATHS.

- / March 2. Minerva Witherell, 32
- 2 April 4. Mary Gagnon, 43-11
- 3 Aug. 14. Elsie K. Loud, 21-2

Deaths recorded in recent years.

'90	'91	'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99
4	5	13	12	10	11	5	6	10	12

Mortgages of Personal Property 2.

All other papers 1.

DOGS LICENSED.

A. J. Griffin	April 13	Robert Lyman	May 7
A. K. Chapman	14	E. H. Montague	10
S. A. Rust	16	A. D. Rice	18
Mrs. Geo. Tower	17	A. S. Bridgman	21
W. H. Lyman	17	J. H. Kingsley	30
I. O. Shaw	19	Nathan Damon (2)	June 2
Geo. Miller	23	Eugene Hathaway	4
H. W. Montague	26	Oscar Bartlett	5
M. S. Norton	26	Geo. Benson	July 9
Geo. Graves	28	Geo. Witherell	24
Levi Burt	30	A. T. Edwards	26
T. P. Elwell	30	E. W. Payson	Aug. 8
Clifford Bartlett	30	H. J. Payson (female)	20
J. Hathaway	30	J. Boucher	21
A. D. Montague	30	C. H. Bartlett	22
Geo. Colman	30	Almon Benson	24
F. Howard (2)	May 1	John Gravelin	Sept. 17
L. W. Clapp	1	M. Slattery	21
Fred Gagnon	1	H. M. Clapp	24
F. H. Judd	1	Dana Pelton	24
P. Connors	3	P. A. Connery	24
H. L. Dodge	5	C. T. Williams	24
F. C. Montague	7	Edmund Slattery	25
Wm. J. Lyman	7	J. Hathaway	Oct. 27
S. D. Lyman	7		

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

F. A. Loud in account with the Town of Westhampton.

Dr.

To cash received for 6 mos. ending June 1, '00
 License of 31 dogs (males) at \$2.00 \$62 00

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By Clerk's Fees, 31 at 20c 6 20
 By Cash paid County Treasurer 55 80—\$62 00

Dr.

To Cash received for 6 mos. ending Dec. 1, '00,,
 For License of 19 dogs (males) at \$2.00 38 00
 " " 1 dog (female) at \$5.00 5 00—\$43 00

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By Clerk's Fees, 20 at 20c. \$4 00
 By Cash paid County Treasurer 39 00—\$43 00

The amount paid into the County Treasury on this account for the five previous years was

1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
\$89.40	91.20	95.40	98.40	90.00

Respectfully Submitted,

F. A. LOUD, *Town Clerk.*

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1901

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find the same correct.

H. M. CLAPP, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1901.

Dr.

Balance from last year	\$861 53
A. G. Jewett, interest on Wright fund	25 00
N. A. Kingsley “ “	25 00
F. H. Judd, interest on Thayer fund	31 25
J. H. Hathaway acct. E. E. Witherell	15 50
E. J. Burt, hay on town lot	1 50
Northampton Institution Savings	1,800 00
Trustees Whiting Street fund	52 50
State Treasurer, temporary support of State Pauper	3 99
State Treasurer, insane poor	282 75
“ “ corporation tax	44 58
“ “ inspection of animals	9 37
“ “ National Bank tax	223 33
“ “ State aid	48 00
“ “ education of children	76 50
“ “ income Mass. school fund	282 00
“ “ Mass. school fund	528 59
“ “ tuition children small towns	125 00

Clark scholarship	1 60	
Co. Treasurer, dog fund	75 49	
S. D. Lyman, auctioneer's license	2 00—	\$4,515 48
Amount of assessment		3,659 05
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		\$8,174 53

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By paid orders Selectmen	\$4,060 92	
“ School Committee	2,422 02	
Balance in treasury	816 30	
Balance due from Collector	875 29—	\$8,174 53

There is one note of \$800 due the Northampton Institution of Savings which if paid would leave an actual balance of \$891 59 in the town's favor,

• A. K. CHAPMAN, *Treasurer*.

Westhampton, Mass., Feb. 1, 1901.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct showing disbursements to the amount of six thousand four hundred and eighty-two dollars and ninety-four cents (\$6,482 94) for which proper vouchers are on file and a balance of cash on hand of eight hundred and sixteen dollars and thirty cents, (\$816 30). Due from Collector eight hundred and seventy-five dollars and twenty-nine cents, (\$775 29).

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*.

Report of the Joint School Board.

TO THE DISTRICT COMPRISING THE TOWNS OF EASTHAMPTON, SOUTHAMPTON AND WESTHAMPTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1900.

Received from State Treasurer		\$1,250 00
Credited to Superintendent's salary	\$750 00	
Credited to towns on basis of average total membership of schools of district for year ending July 1, 1900.		
To Easthampton	384 65	
To Southampton	76 75	
To Westhampton	38 60	500 00
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	\$1,250 00	\$1,250 00

Received from towns of district on
same basis as above.

Easthampton's share of Superintendent's salary	\$653 90	
Southampton's share of Superintendent's salary	130 47	
Westhampton's share of Superintendent's salary	65 63—\$	850 00
State Treasurer, credited to Supt's salary		750 00
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		\$1600 00
Paid Supt's salary, year ending July 1, 1900		1600 00
Net cost to Easthampton	269 25	
“ “ Southampton	53 72	
“ “ Westhampton	27 03—\$	350 00

C. H. JOHNSON, *Chm. Joint Committee*
C. N. LOUD, *Secretary* “ “

REPORT of the School Committee of Westhampton.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, WAGES.

CENTER SCHOOL.

Harriet F. Judd,	Emily A. Bartlett
Myra E. Kingsley,	Effie F. Heath.

No. of pupils enrolled	26
Average membership	23
“ attendance	21
No. of pupils over 15 years	1
“ “ under 5 years	0
“ “ between 8 and 14	15
No. of weeks school	34
Wages paid teacher	\$304 20
Repairs and slate for blackboard	5 35
Janitors	5 50
Cleaning school house	2 50

The Clark scholarship prize for the best reader and speller was awarded to Annie K. Parsons.

Not absent or tardy, Myron and Esther Clapp.

There is need of considerable repairs on this building. One side of the roof will need to be shingled, and there is great need of new blackboards. The cost of slating the plastering, which is broken in several places, will soon exceed the cost of slate, and we think it is more profitable for the town to put in slate wherever it can be done to advantage.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Hattie M. Clary.

No. of pupils enrolled	12
Average membership	10.2
“ attendance	8.5
No. of pupils over 15 years	0
“ “ under 5 years	0
“ “ between 8 and 14 years	9
No. of weeks school	34
Wages paid teacher	\$272 00
H. A. Parsons, 14 gallons paint	17 50
“ 1 qt. colored paint	40
“ 2 lbs. putty	10
$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. window glass	90
C. A. Loud, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days painting	6 75
Repairs	2 35
Fuel	4 50
Janitors	3 00
Cleaning school house	2 00

At the commencement of this year we were obliged to accept the resignation of Miss Lyman, who has taught this school so long and successfully, on account of impaired health, but were fortunate in securing Miss Clary, who has remained with us during the year.

In the summer vacation some person or persons broke a

window light and opened the window and threw ink over a large place on the ceiling, greatly marring the looks of the building. Other damage was also done to the building.

We have given this building two coats of Averill paint and quite a large portion of it has had three coats, and it is in good condition and ought to remain so for several years.

NORTH-WEST SCHOOL.

Edith T. Shaw.

No. of pupils enrolled	14
Average membership	10
“ attendance	9.5
No. of pupils over 15 years	1
“ “ under 5 years	0
“ “ between 8 and 14 years	10
No. of weeks school	34
Wages paid teacher	\$257 80
Cleaning school house	1 50
Janitors	3 00
Repairs	2 50
H. L. Eddy, stove and pipe	12 70

Not absent, tardy or dismissed during the year, George N. Damon.

Not absent, tardy or dismissed during the fall and winter terms, Carrie M. Damon, Ethel E. Damon and Lura E. Dodge.

There is need of considerable repairs on the blackboards and windows in this school house, and the building is greatly in need of one or two coats of paint.

A new stove and pipe have been put in during the past year, adding greatly to the comfort of the pupils, as well as to the safety of the buildings.

NORTH-EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Ellen D. Leonard, Miss Susan G. Streeter.

No. of pupils enrolled	20
Average membership	17 $\frac{1}{3}$
“ attendance	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. of pupils over 15 years of age	2
“ “ under 5 years	0
“ “ between 8 and 14	15
“ weeks school	34
Wages paid teacher	\$268 80
Fuel	8 00
Slate blackboards	5 00
Repairs	5 10
Cleaning school house	1 50
Janitors	4 80

Slate blackboards have been placed in this school house and the roof has been slightly repaired, but it will be necessary to shingle at least one side of the building this year.

Not absent or tardy during the year, Alice L. Bridgman, Marion S. Bridgman, Evelyn F. Montague, Marion R. Montague, Ernest M. Shaw. Those having but one absent or tardy mark during the year, Hugh M. Bridgman, Grace W. Montague, Francis Morse, Thomas H. Kelley.

HILL SCHOOL.

Elizabeth V. Sprague, Mary J. Damon,
Mary A. Lyman, Clara J. Harris.

No. of pupils enrolled	29
Average membership	27.3
“ attendance	22.3
No. of pupils over 15 years	0
“ “ under 5 years	1
“ “ between 8 and 14 years	16

No. of weeks school	34
Wages paid teacher	\$270 40
Fuel, C. S. Bartlett	12 00
New seats	20 50
Cleaning school house	1 50
Janitor's services	5 00

The number of pupils in this school increased so largely that we were obliged to provide more seats, and at a greatly reduced price from new seats, your committee have been able to provide ample accommodation for all.

We have been obliged to make several changes in teachers the past year, which is usually a hindrance to the progress of a school, yet we feel that with the teachers we have secured there has been a very marked improvement both in discipline and in school work.

EXPENSES.

Teachers' salaries	\$1,373 20
Loudville school	252 41
Books, Easthampton	56 55
“ S. E. Bridgman & Co.,	23 60
“ Ginn & Co.,	21 66
“ R. O. Evans & Co.,	18 00
“ E. H. Bannister	2 40
“ Misc. for reference	6 42— 128 63
Tuition, Easthampton	35 00
“ Northampton	290 00
Superintendent's salary	27 03
Fuel	24 50
Westhampton Water Co.	6 00
H. L. Eddy, stove, etc.	12 70
C. G. Small, clock	4 50
Repairs	79 05
Janitors	21 30

Cleaning school houses	9 00
1 doz. brooms	3 50
1 doz. whisk brooms	1 25
Express and freight	5 35
Postage and stationery	3 25
Sundries	3 75
A. D. Montague, services	6 00
F. D. Bridgman “	5 00
C. N. Loud, 11½ days' services	28 75
Unpaid bills from last year	101 85
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	\$2,422 02

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation	1,100 00
State school fund	528 59
Mass. school fund for teachers	282 00
Tuition	125 00
Balance from last year	308 60
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	\$2,344 19

There is now due from the state the amount that the town has paid for tuition of pupils in Easthampton and Northampton, and the amount that the town has paid for extra pay of teachers, which will give the town quite a large balance in its favor. This amount will not be paid by the state until Feb. 1902, and the town will be obliged to pay those bills in advance for the whole year which ends with the school year in June.

The amount paid by the state for extra compensation of teachers is paid only on condition that the town shall pay in addition a sum not less than the amount which has been paid in average wages for the three preceding years in each

case, but your committee think that with what is due from the state they will be able to give you the thirty-four weeks, if the town will raise the sum of one thousand dollars.

A. D. MONTAGUE, } *School Committee*
 F. D. BRIDGMAN, } *of*
 C. N. LOUD, } *Westhampton.*

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1901

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee and find that they have drawn orders and have vouchers to the amount of two thousand four hundred twenty-two dollars and two cents (\$2,422.02).

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*

REPORT of the Superintendent of Schools.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GENTLEMEN:

I respectfully submit the regular annual report of the Superintendent of Schools for the school year 1900-1901.

There is nothing new in the regular work of the schools to report. Most of the time is devoted to the common branches and we try to secure thorough work rather than to cover much ground. Tests are given monthly. At the Hill school the number of pupils was so large that it was necessary to make some arrangement for more seats. The rows of seats were crowded together and another row put in. It is much harder to manage a school and to secure good results under such conditions.

TEACHERS.

The following teachers have been elected since the last report and are now serving:

TEACHER	SCHOOL	WHERE EDUCATED
Effie F. Heath	Center	Bridgewater Normal
Clara J. Harris	Hill	Amherst High and one year at Mount Holyoke College.
Susan G. Streeter	North-east	North Adams Normal

TEXT-BOOKS.

Many of the reading books were so worn out and torn as to be useless. These were gathered up and exchanged for new books. For the sake of introducing their books, publishers are glad to make a liberal allowance for old books taken in exchange for new ones. 103 new readers were secured. These are sufficient to give one new book to each pupil in town. Nichol's arithmetic has been introduced for supplementary work. These books have been used in Easthampton and Southampton for some time and have given excellent satisfaction. The town is now well supplied with text-books. The supplies are purchased in connection with Easthampton and in this way the town gets the advantage of purchasing in large quantities.

Very respectfully,

W. D. MILLER.

ARTICLES

IN THE

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 4, 1901.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Art. 3. To act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers to serve the town the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 6. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to establish the road from A. L. Snow's land to J. E. Janes' house as laid out by the Selectmen.

Art. 9. To take action in regard to the collection of Taxes.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money to meet current expenses in anticipation of Taxes.

